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THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Association is to be held at the Hotel Sherman, Chicago, beginning with a banquet on the evening of Friday, January 11, continuing throughout the day on Thursday, and closing at noon on Saturday, January 13. The program in detail will appear in the December issue of the Association Bulletin.

There is every indication that this will be a most important meeting in the history of the Association. Topics of immediate importance to college executives and administrators will be presented for general discussion by the members of the Association. Among the topics now scheduled are the status of the religious life and the methods of religious education in the colleges; attempts at unification of the college curriculum now being made throughout the country; reports on special surveys of colleges in Colorado, Nebraska, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Iowa; the increase in endowments and maintenance of the colleges belonging to the Association since the phenomenal gift of Mr. Rockefeller in 1920; and the present status of intercollegiate athletics in various sections of the country with the reports of the progress made by agencies which are attempting to direct and control this situation; and there will also be a debate on the best policies of the Association for the future and the best means of attaining those policies.

Applications for Membership.

Members of the Association will be interested in knowing that there is now on file the largest number of applications for membership in the Association ever reported at one time. These applications include every college in New England not now a member, numerous southern colleges, a number of Catholic colleges and one

or two state universities. Some members are raising the question as to whether the Association has already become too large and unwieldy, and others are encouraging the inclusion in the membership of the liberal arts colleges of state and independent universities.

The Association Bulletin.

The Executive Committee of the Association feels justified in having expended a large proportion of the budget assigned to the Bulletin on the Study of Higher Education in Colorado with Special Reference to Colorado College. Numerous letters not only from members of the Association but independent and acknowledged specialists in higher education and from representatives of important educational foundations seem to justify this judgment of the Executive Committee. The Study is considered of value not only because of the facts and conclusions set forth but because it indicates methods of investigation which may be helpful and which have already stimulated numerous colleges to more careful self-examination. Because of the unusual expenditure on this one issue of the Bulletin the November and December issues will be presented as four-page leaflets.

National Student Forum.

Numerous reports have come to the office of the Association that representatives of the National Student Forum have made the claim that that organization constitutes the continuing agency of the National Convocation of Colleges and Universities on International Disarmament held in Chicago, November 13 and 14, 1921. This statement is not true. The National Convocation was called by the Council of Church Boards of Education in conjunction with the National Catholic Welfare Council, the Central Association of Jewish Rabbis, and individual Boards of Education, the most prominent one

of which being the Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church which originated the idea and was chiefly responsible for the budget. Almost 200 institutions located in forty-three states of the Union were represented by delegates, some of whom were college officials and others college students. At the Convocation certain representative students urged that a National Student Committee on Limitation of Armaments be formed and that this be made the permanent organization growing out of the Convocation. The Convocation declined to accept this recommendation and provided for a Continuation Committee of which Dr. R. L. Kelly and Dr. A. W. Harris, informal representatives of the Council of Church Boards of Education were made Chairman, and Secretary-Treasurer respectively. Other members of the Continuation Committee were representatives of the National Catholic Welfare Council, the Central Association of Jewish Rabbis and numerous colleges and universities, some of the latter of whom were faculty members and others students.

After the adjournment of the Convocation the presence of the large number of students was taken advantage of to form the National Student Committee for the Limitation of Armaments which has more recently been merged into the National Student Forum.

In view of the fact that there are numerous agencies in the field dealing with international relations among college men and women, the Continuation Committee has considered its chief task to be to incorporate into the curricula of American colleges and universities courses for the study of international relations. With that end in view it enlisted the cooperation of the International Institute of Education and this Institute is now engaged in the preparation of syllabi for these courses. A preliminary announcement regarding this matter was made in the April 1922 issue of the Association Bulletin.